

THE POTATO A MISSOURIAN.

Claim That It Is Native to the Jackson County Soil.

Jackson County promises to be famous in history as the birthplace of the Irish potato, says the Kansas City Journal. Some of the local botanists of Independence have discovered this fact and have traced the lineage of the vegetable, which is now known to every table in the world as the "Irish potato," back to its birthplace, Little Santa Fe, in the southern part of this county. The botanists give the name of the plant from which the potato grew as "dioscorea batata," and feel confident in their assertion that the history of the potato can be traced back to Little Santa Fe. Dr. Ballard, a well-known botanist and geologist, had in his possession recently a plant which he claimed to be a specimen of the "dioscorea batata" found at Little Santa Fe. By tracing the plant back some 300 years, the doctor says that undoubtedly the dioscorea batata was the progenitor of the so-called Irish potato. It appears that the aborigines of this section knew the art of propagation of plants by cultivation, from their wild state, and by such knowledge produced the tuber now so generally in use and found on every table.

"It's a matter of history," said the doctor, "that the potato was first used as an edible by the Indians near what is now known as Little Santa Fe, Jackson county, Mo. From there it became an article of barter. The edible was so palatable that its use spread rapidly and became common among the Indians of Virginia. The potato fell into the hands of Sir Walter Raleigh in Virginia, who recognized a good thing when he saw it. Sir Walter took it on one of his trips to Europe, and by reason of the soil and climate of Ireland it at once became a staple article of food, hence the name Irish potato. The little town of Santa Fe has never set up its claim for being the birthplace of Ireland's staple food, for outside the botanists the matter is not possibly known to the citizens of the locality.

That the potato flourishes in this locality, more so than in any other section of the country, is a well-known fact, and the dioscorea batata grows in great abundance there. By experimental tests the plant finally produces a small potato, from which large ones will grow."

NEW BEACH RESORT.

Saratoga Is Its Name—Grass Covered Lanais—South Sea Museum.

Mrs. Batchelor's place on the Waikiki beach, known as Beach Grove, has lately been taken by H. C. Reid and A. E. Carver, who have made extensive alterations and additions to it. They have renamed it "Saratoga," and it is now open for picnic and pleasure parties.

Among its attractions are cool, grass-thatched lanais looking out over a smooth sand beach to the breakers and ocean beyond. There is an assembly room with a piano for dancing parties, and a dining lanai well furnished.

One particular novelty is an entire grass house of native pattern, now partly and to be wholly furnished with articles of Polynesian make, such as Hawaiian and South Sea mats, fans, etc. It will have a valuable assortment of native curios for ornamentation.

At present the bathing is not deep enough for swimmers excepting at high tide, but it is very suitable for women and children who dare not venture into deep water. Mr. Carver, who is possessed of engineering skill, intends to blast out a swimming pool on one side of the beach front, 200 feet in length and 50 feet in width, which will give deep water bathers ample scope for nautical exercise.

The proprietors will spare no efforts to cater to the pleasure of customers. "Saratoga" is reached from Bishop's switch on the car route by the old Waikiki road, and will be convenient to the beach boulevard now being constructed.

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